

MEMORANDUM

TO : BM/SGN
FROM : SZ/DAD
SUBJECT : DANANG Station Monthly Report for April 1970

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GENERAL

Several instances of small scale hostile activity in the Danang area were reported during April. The most significant were rocket attacks directed at the air base on the mornings of 1 and 6 April. The latter consisted of four 140mm rockets impacting on the east side of the base which resulted in nine casualties, including two fatalities.

One Southern Air Transport flight was handled on 27 April. Since the aircraft transited Danang during the middle of the day, and was a ferry departure, no problems were encountered by Traffic. However, Flight Operations received a message re-routing the aircraft to Yokota, vice Kadena, after the flight had blocked out and was unable to relay this information to the crew.

An agreement was reached with the local Customs Director to delete the objectionable portions of their overtime authorization and the form was signed. The first invoice for the month of February in the amount of 2,560 piastres was paid out of petty cash.

The vehicle assigned to SZ/DAD was stolen on the evening of 24 April. Reports of the theft were filed with the U.S. Military Police and two Vietnamese Police stations. The possibility of recovering this vehicle is considered remote.

CUSTOMER RELATIONS

A minor difficulty was experienced concerning the final authority to re-route an aircraft. A C-46 arrived with an FSO from Saigon directing a departure to Nha-Trang at 11:45 hours. Danang Air Operations (CORDS) insisted that the aircraft be held until 14:00 hours for a flight direct to Saigon. Flight Operations, Saigon advised that the CORDS Saigon Air Operations representative was just as adamant that the flight depart as scheduled on the FSO. The problem was resolved in favor of the Danang customer after direct communications were established between the two Air Operations personnel.

LEGAL

Possible renovation plans to the company hostel are still being considered. The lease on this property will be renewed unless completely new hostel plans are formulated by 10 May.

FACILITIES

The local customer has decided to cancel any further action on the Passenger Terminal Renovation project envisaged by an AR recently signed. Instead, it was preferred to pursue only the CSD Warehouse renovation project which would be handled entirely through customer resources.

Further delay in the Concrete Paving/Drainage Ditch Completion project is also anticipated pending a determination as to how extensive this project should be carried out. It now appears that only perhaps one third of the original concept will be funded.

FISCAL

[REDACTED] payroll for the month totaled: 976,539\$VN (April 1969 = 1,235,609\$VN)

Petty cash expenditures totaled: 87,472\$VN (April 1969 = 49,313\$VN)

OPERATIONS

Revenue flight time declined 95+42 hours as compared to the previous month. Most of this reduction in flying has resulted from customer schedule limitations on Sundays, one flight to each province instead of two, and fewer 204B requirements.

The following is a breakdown of flight time generated by this station during April:

| | |
|-------------------------|-------------------------------|
| VN-70/AID - - - - - | 671+42 |
| VN-70/Embassy - - - - - | 198+25 |
| 0030 - - - - - | 8+29 |
| 0069 - - - - - | 3+28 |
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| TOTAL - - - - - | 882+04 (April 1969 = 1076+14) |

Revenue losses for the month were as follows:

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|--------------------------|-------|
| Weather - - - - - | 9+50 |
| Maintenance - - - - - | 2+45 |
| Customer Cancellations - | 8+30 |
| Other - - - - - | 1+30 |
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| TOTAL - - - - - | 22+35 |

The hostel occupancy factor was 90.9%. During the month a total of 2,340 piastres were disbursed to provide hotel accommodations for flight crew personnel. Non-availability certificates for a total of 27 nights were issued to TCS ground personnel.

COMMUNICATIONS

No unusual communications difficulties were reported during the month.

Incoming and outgoing messages totaled 1520 and 1572 respectively. (April 1969 = 2280 and 1558).

TRAFFIC

Local customs officials subjected the customer passengers aboard a transiting international flight to an inspection of their hand-carried baggage. Certain irregularities in one customs declaration, completed in Saigon, was detected which resulted in the confiscation of a personal check. As this was the first incident of this type, very little in the way of written policy was on hand to convince these passengers that customs officials were authorized to perform such inspections. Since that time, several written instructions to that effect have been received from customer channels which should preclude any difficulties in the future.

Passenger and cargo statistics for the month of April are as follows:

| | <u>PAX IN</u> | <u>PAX OUT</u> | <u>CARGO IN</u> | <u>CARGO OUT</u> |
|--------------|---------------|----------------|------------------|------------------|
| VN-7001/AID | 2,525 | 2,289 | 214,996 | 206,607 |
| VN-7002/EMB | 362 | 673 | 2,280 | 4,699 |
| 0069 | 6 | - | - | - |
| 0030 | 8 | 13 | - | - |
| AAM | 92 | 113 | 9,422.4 | 26,987.3 |
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| TOTAL | 2,993 | 3,088 | 226,698.4 | 238,293.3 |
| April 1969 - | 3,248 | 3,594 | 327,600 | 437,829 |

SECURITY

One TGN Flight Mechanic was temporarily refused entry to the air base due to lack of a Danang pass. This problem was complicated by a near confiscation of his Saigon pass by the Vietnamese Military Police. The difficulty was resolved in just sufficient time to avoid a flight delay, and an interim expedient has been arranged with VNAF Security which should preclude a recurrence. In the meantime, permanent Danang passes will be processed for all TGN flight mechanic personnel.

PERSONNEL

The local immigrations office has challenged the validity of the extensions of stay furnished for eight [REDACTED] personnel. It appears as though their information is in direct conflict with that received from the Ministry of Interior in Saigon. To date, no action has been taken to detain these personnel but such an eventuality is always possible. An updated listing has been requested which, when and if received, should remedy this situation.

Two TCN employees were separated during the month due to disapproval of their Work Permits. Apparently job titles are being closely scrutinized by the Ministry of Labor, and those applications which do not imply a technical background are more likely to be rejected.

The personnel breakdown for Danang Station at the close of business, 30 April 1970, was as follows:

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|-------------------------------|---|----|----|-----|
| Permanent | 4 | 15 | 12 | 69 |
| Pre-Process | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Temporary | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Daily-Hire | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| TOTAL (101) | 4 | 15 | 12 | 70 |
| April 1969 totals = (176) | 5 | 33 | 17 | 121 |

TECHNICAL SERVICES

RMD handled a total of 555 arriving and 555 departing flights, as compared to 593 and 591 respectively in February (April 1969 figures were 635/635). Delays attributable to maintenance, which resulted in a revenue loss, totaled: 3. Three 204B and one PC-6 number 1, and two 204B number 2 services were performed. Two aircraft were placed on AGP status, both for engine changes and both on the same day. Two outstation recoveries were necessary during the month.

RGMD expended a total of 720 manhours of which 56 were utilized in the maintenance of leased properties. Projects mainly consisted of interior office painting and the cleaning of all air-conditioner units.

The U.S. Army Support Command will assume the operation of the Naval Support Activity on 14 June. It will be necessary to make a written request for a credit account with this new organization.

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